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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected claims 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejected claims 1-4, 10, and 11 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that claim 5 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claim 5 is noted with appreciation.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: